



OFFICE OF WATER QUALITY

Section 104(b)(3) NPDES Related State Program Grants

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management is seeking proposals for projects that provide effective solutions to point source water pollution.

Section 104(b)(3) funding is available for projects that will develop, implement and demonstrate new and innovative concepts that will improve the effectiveness of the NPDES permit program, which regulates point source discharges of water pollution.

This request is for Federal Fiscal Year 2002 funds, and selected projects will start in December of 2002. Organizations eligible for Section 104(b)(3) funding include State water pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, Tribes, colleges and universities, and other public or nonprofit organizations. For-profit entities, private associations and individuals are not eligible to receive this assistance. Competitive projects: have local leadership; strong public involvement and support; comprehensively address how to reduce the pollution source; and seek to demonstrate management practices or processes that are new to the area.

There are some restrictions to using 104(b)(3) funds. They cannot be used to fund any of the following: dredging; drainage or flood control; permit fees; or compliance with NPDES permits or enforcement actions. Funds can be requested for up to \$100,000. There is a 5% in-kind or cash match required for 104(b)(3). **Proposals must be postmarked by January 31, 2002.** You will be notified in May, if your proposal will be recommended for funding.

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